



NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1 – 2009
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
Primary 5

Booklet A

30 questions

30 marks

Name: _____ ()

Class: Pr. 5 _____

Date: 12 May 2009

Booklet A	/ 30
Booklet B	/ 65
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Parent's Signature & Date

Total Time for booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

DO NOT OPEN THIS BOOKLET UNTIL YOU ARE TOLD TO DO SO.
FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.

Section A – Comprehension Graphic-Stimulus (5 x 1 mark)

Study the following text and then answer questions 1 to 5.

Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella

produced by Broadway Asia Entertainment

DATE 2 MAY 2009 FRI – 22 MAY 2009 THUR

(Daily performances except Mondays)

TIME 3pm (Sat and Sun only), 8pm
(150 mins, including 20 mins intermission)

VENUE Esplanade Theatre



PRICE	Category A	Category B	Category C
Tue – Thur 8pm	\$160	\$120	\$80
Sun 3pm & 8pm			
Fri 8pm	\$180	\$140	\$100
Sat 3pm & 8pm			

Be the first in the world to witness this dazzling, once-in-a-lifetime stage extravaganza!

Starring internationally-acclaimed actress Lea Salonga and a 27-member, largely American cast, and directed by Bobby Garcia, this timeless tale of romance is guaranteed to take your breath away! The musical is produced by Broadway Asia Entertainment, which is the largest producer of Broadway musicals in Asia. Some of their past successes include *The Sound of Music*, *Hairspray* and *42nd Street*.

Expect a lavish production with costumes designed by renowned Italian designer, Renato Balestra.

Get your tickets now from all Sistic outlets!

You may also get your tickets online through www.esplanade_cinderella.com or call 6445533 to book them.

For each question from 1 to 5, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

- 1) The musical will be performed in Singapore _____.
- 1) on weekends
 - 2) throughout the week
 - 3) from Friday to Thursday
 - 4) every day except Monday ()
- 2) The person overall in charge of the show is _____.
- 1) Lea Salonga
 - 2) Bobby Garcia
 - 3) Renato Balestra
 - 4) Rodgers & Hammerstein ()
- 3) According to the text, there are _____ way(s) to purchase the tickets for the musical.
- 1) one
 - 2) two
 - 3) three
 - 4) four ()
- 4) Based on the information in the advertisement, which of these statements is true?
- 1) The musical has not been staged.
 - 2) The lead actress is only popular in Singapore.
 - 3) Renowned Italian designer, Renato Balestra will be present.
 - 4) Broadway Asia Entertainment only produced Cinderella, The Sound of Music, Hairspray and 42nd Street. ()
- 5) The interval for each show lasts _____ minutes.
- (1) 20
 - (2) 30
 - (3) 130
 - (4) 150 ()

Section C -- Punctuation (3 x 1 mark)

For each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

Mother had taken Dorothy to the art museum during the school holidays. They were looking at several well-known art pieces (13) There were paintings by famous artists such as Vincent Van Gogh, Pablo Picasso and Claude Monet.

"Look at that beautiful painting!" exclaimed Dorothy (14) The yellow daisies in the painting look so pretty in the vase. Can we buy some daisies for our home too?"

"Those are not daisies, my dear girl (15) they are sunflowers," Mother explained. "Yes, they look very nice indeed. Well, let's drop by the florist on our way home to buy some for your birthday party tomorrow."

- 13) 1) [,] comma
2) [.] full stop
3) [?] question mark
4) [!] exclamation mark ()

- 14) 1) [, "] comma and inverted commas
2) [. "] full stop and inverted commas
3) [; "] semi-colon and inverted commas
4) [? "] question mark and inverted commas ()

- 15) 1) [,] comma
2) [.] full stop
3) [?] question mark
4) [!] exclamation mark ()

Section D – Vocabulary (5 x 1 mark)

For each question from 16 to 20, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

- 16) Although Mr Obama faces the _____ task of managing the economic crisis in America, many people are confident that he can do it.
- 1) daunting
 - 2) thankless
 - 3) impossible
 - 4) monotonous ()
- 17) "I would have been able to join my class for the outing if I had not fallen ill," _____ Jack.
- 1) snorted
 - 2) bellowed
 - 3) guffawed
 - 4) lamented ()
- 18) Charles _____ ignorance when Gillian asked him if he had seen her missing book although he had taken it.
- 1) feigned
 - 2) exhibited
 - 3) displayed
 - 4) pretended ()
- 19) The government needs to _____ the pre-war shophouses in Singapore so that future generations can admire these historical architecture.
- 1) preserve
 - 2) observe
 - 3) reserve
 - 4) deserve ()
- 20) The peaceful demonstration soon _____ into a violent riot when the police clashed with the protesters outside the Parliament House.
- (1) fretted
 - (2) agitated
 - (3) escalated
 - (4) dominated ()

Section E – Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

Shaun was getting ready for his morning jog at the beach, a daily **21)habit** he always looked forward to. There is nothing more **22)thrilling** than starting his day with a good run while enjoying the cool sea breeze in his face. Ever since his father had introduced him to the sport when he was six, running has been a part of his life. Running is a sport that is **23)exceptionally** kind to his wallet – he did not need to pay **24)exorbitant** prices for gym memberships or invest in complex equipment. All he requires is a good pair of running shoes and **25)suitable** clothing to get started. Furthermore, it is a sport that can be carried out anywhere.

- 21) 1) chore
2) hobby
3) routine
4) manner ()

- 22) 1) exceeding
2) exhilarating
3) excruciating
4) exasperating ()

- 23) 1) hardly
2) usually
3) certainly
4) particularly ()

- 24) 1) fair
2) steep
3) moderate
4) reasonable ()

- 25) 1) casual
2) adequate
3) appropriate
4) comfortable ()

Section F – Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

Robert Louis Stevenson wrote one of the world's most enduring stories of pirates singing "Yo-ho-ho, and a bottle of rum!". It is a story about one-legged sailors with parrots as pets, dead men's chests and hidden treasure maps. *Treasure Island*, his first novel, was an instant success when it was first published in 1883. Other famous works by the Scottish writer include *Kidnapped* as well as the classic nightmare tale about *Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde*. However, *Treasure Island* is probably his best known work and has been adapted into a movie. 5

Set in the mid-eighteenth century in England, the mistress of an inn and her son, Jim, find a treasure map in a chest while going through the possessions of a deceased sea captain who owed them rent. The map contains the location of a buried treasure which belonged to the late Captain Flint, an infamous pirate. Jim decides to search for the treasure together with his friends. They set sail on *Hispaniola* under Captain Smollett, with Jim as the cabin boy and an amiable cook named Long John Silver. Silver also assists them in the selection of the crew who is travelling with them. 10

During the voyage, Jim finds out that Silver and a number of crew members are actually pirates ^{who were formerly} from Captain Flint's crew. They are plotting a mutiny and intend to seize the treasure. Jim quickly informs Captain Smollett, who makes immediate plans to attack the mutineers. 15

When the *Hispaniola* reaches the Island, Silver realises that his plans are exposed and soon, both sides are attacking each other. Eventually, Captain Smollett and Jim's friends are captured by Silver and his band of pirates. Jim manages to escape and eventually rescues Captain Smollett and his friends before they retrieve the treasure. 20

But this is only part of the adventure – one will have to read the rest of the book to find out what happened to Jim, Silver and other characters. 25

- 26) Jim's mother was a/an _____.
- 1) ex-pirate
 - 2) treasure hunter
 - 3) proprietress of an inn
 - 4) a debt collector at an inn ()
- 27) Jim and his mother opened the chest as they _____.
- 1) needed money as life was hard
 - 2) were searching for Captain Flint's treasure map
 - 3) wanted to find out what the sea captain had given them
 - 4) were seeking repayment for the rent that the sea captain had owed ()
- 28) The word "mutiny" has the same meaning as "_____".
- 1) attack
 - 2) submit
 - 3) rebellion
 - 4) surrender ()
- 29) The "**Hispaniola**" in line ¹⁴~~20~~ is a/an _____.
- 1) ship
 - 2) submarine
 - 3) automobile
 - 4) hot air balloon ()
- 30) Which one of the following statements is true?
- 1) Captain Flint had asked Silver to help him to recover the treasure.
 - 2) The mutineers left Captain Flint's crew to set up their own crew.
 - 3) Many mutineers came on board the Hispaniola with the help of Silver.
 - 4) *Kidnapped, Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde* and *Treasure Island* have been made into films. ()

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Section G – Grammar Cloze (10 x 1 mark)

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

Each word can be used ONCE only.

(A) above	(D) another	(G) from	(K) or	(N) then
(B) also	(E) as	(H) in	(L) other	(P) to
(C) and	(F) for	(J) of	(M) that	(Q) with

The main source of energy on earth is the sun. It provides heat and light, the two important forms of energy essential (31) _____ all living things to survive. Yet, the earth receives only half- a-billionth of the sun's energy. A billionth is one in 1,000,000,000.

Another source of energy is fossil fuel. Fossil fuels occur naturally (32) _____ the ground, either (33) _____ a solid in the form of coal, a liquid in the form of oil, (34) _____ as a gas in the form of natural gas. All these originally obtained their energy (35) _____ the sun, as they are all products of the buried remains of plants and animals (36) _____ lived millions of years ago. Fossil fuels are ^{burnt} ~~burned~~ (37) _____ produce heat, used directly or indirectly to power engines or generate electricity. Fossil fuels are considered to be non-renewable sources as they take millions of years to replace.

Continual use (38) _____ non-renewable energy, like fossil fuels, will result in its eventual depletion. Furthermore, burning fossil fuels contributes to air pollution. Because of these problems, (39) _____ sources of energy are being explored. The term 'alternative energy' refers to energy sources that are naturally renewable (40) _____ do not pollute. These are more environmentally friendly.

Section H – Editing for Spelling and Grammar (10 x 1 mark)

Correct each **bold** word for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.

The 16-year-old school girl, Jane Goodall, ^{dreamt} ~~dreamed~~ of a profession studying wildlife in

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Africa, but the school's counsellor is "horrified" at this impractical idea. The girl thought taking

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pictures of people's pets would really "make a nice little **karear**".

But Jane's mother said, "If you really want something, you should work hard and take

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adventake of opportunities. Never give up and you will find a way."

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Never giving up meant travel to other side of the earth and physical hardship in the

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mountains of Tanzania. And it meant surviving a **reid** in which rebels captured people who

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worked with her and held them with ransom. All survived, and so did Jane Goodall's dream.

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Her research documented the **komplax** ~~sociat~~ behaviour of chimpanzees - animals

that greet one another with a kiss or a hug, and how they make and use tools. Dr Jane

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Goodall become a well-known anthropologist around the **wherld** and she changed the way

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we think about this remarkable creatures.

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Section I – Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Jacques Cousteau was a famous French undersea explorer, scientist, photographer, filmmaker and inventor. He (51) _____ the underwater diving station and the diving saucer. One of his inventions included the Aqua-Lung, an underwater (52) _____ apparatus or device that help human breathe in the deep oceans. He had written books and had made (53) _____ and documentaries about sea life that were shown on television.

As a young man, Jacques enjoyed driving his father's sports car. One night, while driving in the thick fog, he lost (54) _____ of the car. The car swerved before it (55) _____ into a tree. Jacques's right arm was (56) _____ in five places. The (57) _____ in the hospital told him that he would never be able to use that arm again. He was then 26 years old.

Jacques (58) _____ himself that he would use his arm again. He worked hard to keep his muscles strong. After eight months, he could move one finger. He was (59) _____ not to give up.

At that time, Jacques was living by the Mediterranean Sea. He often swam to (60) _____ his weak arm. While swimming, he wore a pair of underwater (61) _____, the kind used by divers. He was amazed that he could see a beautiful new world (62) _____ the ocean's waters.

Jacques continued (63) _____ in the ocean and was very happy when his arm was (64) _____ again. He became even more excited about what he saw under the sea. Then he (65) _____ another promise to himself. He would spend his life exploring the sea, understanding the ocean's treasures and its wonders.

Section J – Synthesis / Transformation (5 x 2 marks)

For each of the questions 66-70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

66) The Giant Panda will become extinct. We need to stop destroying the forests.

Unless _____

67) Peter sliced the cake and shared it with his friend.

Slicing _____

68) "Stand still and don't fidget," the teacher commanded the students.

The teacher commanded the students _____

69) Aaron removed his shoes. He entered the house.

_____ before

70) Mrs Tham broke her ankle last month. She has not been able to meet up with her friends.

_____ since

Section K – Comprehension Open-ended (10 x 2 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

It was a **curious sight**: the fish in a pond at the Sungei Buloh Nature Park were jumping up and down, thrashing about in the water.

Geologist Nick Baker, a park volunteer, wondered why. Then, he saw it - a little brown body with small beady eyes in the murky waters. It was an otter. It was hunting for fish.

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Mr. Baker, 44, said, "My pulse rate increased as the otter swam towards me. I tried to hide. Then, right before my very eyes, two adult otters ventured out onto the mudflats, followed closely by two of their excited offspring. I think they were looking for breakfast. I was able to take a few shots of them with my trusty 15-year-old Minolta. It was an **amazing experience**."

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Mr. Baker was a lucky man. He had experienced an extremely rare sighting of a family of otters at the nature reserve in Kranji.

A pair of otters wandered into the park more than three years ago and after a period of time, two cubs were spied swimming around the swamps and playing on the mud banks. Mr N. Sivasothi, a researcher at the Raffles Museum at the National University of Singapore, believes that Singapore, once again, has resident otters. He said, "A long time ago, when Singapore's habitat was very different, there were otters here. But they disappeared and, since the 1960s, we've recorded sightings of solitary otters."

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Nature watchers around the world think this is a **remarkable feat** in an urbanised country. Only staff members of the park and people who visit the place regularly have seen them. A staff said, "Spotting them is like striking the lottery!" Each time a park officer sees one, he radios the rest of his colleagues on his walkie-talkie.

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"Everyone takes a break and immediately rushes out to have a look," said Miss Linda Goh, acting senior manager of the National Parks Board. "It's very hard to spot them. They are free-roaming animals, and they move around the park a lot," she added.

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Getting a good photograph of them is even more difficult. A Straits Times team staked out the park for two full days, but all it managed to spot were birds and crustaceans.

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If you make your way to Sungei Buloh hoping to catch a glimpse of the otters, but do not get to do so, enjoy the rest of the park, which is a treat in itself with its rich variety of mangrove life. When the tide rolls in, numerous tree-climbing crabs scuttle up the mangroves to avoid the water. When the tide is out, many curious creatures are exposed. Hundreds of mudskippers of varying sizes fight for space with crustaceans.

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This is one of the best places in Singapore to see birds like plovers, sandpipers and bitterns during the migratory season between August and March. And if you are really lucky, you might just come face to face with the otters.

Adapted from The Straits Times, 5th April 2002

All answers must be based on the given text. Answer in complete sentences.

71) What does the 'curious sight' in line 1 refer to?

72) What was Nick Baker's occupation?

73) Why do you think Nick Baker's pulse increased when the otter came near him?

74) What was Nick Baker's 'amazing experience' in line 10?

75) Where is Sungei Buloh Nature Park located?

76) Which word in the passage suggests that the otters usually spend a lot of time alone?

77) Why do nature watchers consider the return of the otters in Sungei Buloh a 'remarkable feat'?

78) When do the staff members of the Sungei Buloh park stop work instantly?

79) What does 'it' in line 29 refer to?

80) According to the passage, what are the birds that can be seen during migratory season?

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ANSWER SHEET

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Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
G	M	P	J	L	C

- 41)was 42)career 43)advantage 44)travelling 45)raid
46)for 47)complex 48)became 49)world 50)these
51)invented 52)diving 53)films 54)control 55)rammed
56)fractured 57)doctors 58)told 59)adamant 60)excercise
61)goggle 62)in 63)swimming 64)well 65)made
66)Unless we stop destroying the forests, the Giant Panda will become extinct.
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69)Aaron removed his shoes before he entered the house.
70)Mrs Tham has not been able to meet up with her friends since she broke her ankle last month.
71)It refers to the fishes in a pond at the Sungai Buloh Nature Park jumping up and down, thrashing about in the water.

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72)He was a Geologist.

73)He was excited.

74)It was a rare sighting of a family of otters at the Sungai Buloh nature park.

75)It is in Kranji.

76)The word is "solitary."

77)It was rare to see otters in urbanized Singapore.

78)They stop their work whenever they were informed by another staff that had been spotted.

79)It refers to the straits Time Team.

80)Plovers, sandpipers and bitterns can be seen during migratory season.